Working hours in the Government Press.

127. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a large majority of the employees of the Government Press have to work from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. and at times till 12 P. M. ;

(*b*) whether the working hours are now fixed from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. ;

(*c*) whether they are now working from 8 A. M. till night time ;

(*d*) whether they are now working even on Sundays and other holidays ; and

(*e*) whether the employees of the Government Press are now being asked by the Superintendent to keep late hours in the night and finish off the work if the same has to be done urgently ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (*a*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) When works of any urgent nature, required to be finished within a specified date or time, are being executed in the Press, it would be necessary to carry on work from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. or even later irrespective of Sundays or holidays.

(*b*) Yes ; as a rule.

Increase in work in the Government Press.

128. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether work in the Government Press, as compared to that of the past years, has not increased very much consequent on the establishment of the present Legislature ;

(*b*) whether the printing of Council Proceedings, etc., does not take much time ;

(*c*) whether a separate section, with necessary staff, has not been formed to cope with the increased Government work ;

(*d*) whether double the quantity of work that has to be done in that section is not being carried out in the Press, in that connection ;

(*e*) whether at least a single person has been appointed in the Press as an additional hand to cope with this work ;

(*f*) whether papers connected with the departments which were not in existence before, such as the Electrical, Water Works, and the Public Health Departments, and the forms, reports, pamphlets, etc., relating to those departments besides the papers pertaining to the bicameral Legislature, the scout movement at Trivandrum etc., have not to be printed ;

(*g*) whether reports of committees frequently formed are not being written up by engaging special staffs ;

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